

NEWS UPDATE

**Shelby County Office of Preparedness/
Memphis & Shelby County Emergency
Management Agency**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
(901) 515-2525

September 1, 2008-Evening Update

- **Shelter Command/Coordination:** Shelby County Office of Preparedness-Memphis and Shelby County EMA Emergency Operations Center **(901) 515-2525**. Bob Nations, Director
- **What's New Since the Last Update?** No major developments since the last briefing
- **How many evacuees are being sheltered in Memphis? Approximately 2700**
- **Thousands of others are staying at hotels. Most all hotel and motel rooms in Memphis are booked according to the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau**

The mandatory evacuees are staying at seven (7) Memphis Park Services community centers. Other shelters are open for those who voluntary left the hurricane zone

- **Shelters for voluntary evacuees:**
 1. Hope Presbyterian Church-8500 Walnut Grove Road-Status-SPACE AVAILABLE
 2. World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church-6655 Winchester Road at Kirby Parkway-Status-AT CAPACITY
 3. First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street-Status-AT CAPACITY
 4. Marion First Baptist Church-2137 Highway 77 Marion, Arkansas-Status-AT CAPACITY
 5. Memphis Catholic High School 61 North McLean-Status-AT CAPACITY
 6. Bishop Byrne High School-1475 East Shelby Drive-Status-AT CAPACITY
 7. Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road-Status-AT CAPACITY
 8. G.W. Henderson Senior Center-1165 Abbay Street, Tunica, Mississippi-Status-AT CAPACITY

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- **A Word About Shelters**

► **Should faith-based organizations want to open a shelter, the Emergency Operations Center should be contacted. The shelter will be listed along with the others in the daily updates to the community. Also, any facility opened as a shelter should be inspected to ensure it meets building and fire codes**

- **What's Needed From the Public?**

Personal care items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, adult Depends, toilet tissue, baby food, baby wipes, diapers and towels. Pens, pencils, coloring books, crayons and poster boards are also needed. Donated supplies may be dropped off at a warehouse at 994 South Bellevue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or at the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue during business hours

THERE IS NOT YET A NEED FOR DONATED CLOTHES

- **Volunteers:** Volunteers are *NEEDED* to help during the relief effort to work at area shelters seeing the needs of evacuees and serving food. People who want to volunteer should call the volunteer hotline **(901) 324-8799** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information
- **Pets:** Are not allowed in the Shelters. "Service dogs" with evacuees are permitted in the shelter. The Memphis Humane Society-935 Farm Road at Shelby Farms and Collierville Animal Shelter-603 East South Street are boarding pets
- **Food:** Provided by Memphis City Schools
- **Transportation:** Provided by Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/EMA Operations Center is open 24 hours a day. Representatives of Shelby County and Memphis City Government divisions and various community agencies are at the center monitoring the hurricane relief efforts. For questions, call **(901) 515-2525**.

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